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                         Chairman, Human Resources Committee

SUBJECT:        Human Resources Committee Views on Open Source
                Collection (OSCOL)


        1.   (C) You will recall that at the 16 December meeting of
the Human Resources Committee at which you briefed the Committee
on your concepts of a national tasking organization, you invited
the views of the Committee on the establishment of a separate
component of your organization to deal with overt collection.  I
attach for your information a copy of the draft minutes of the
HRC meeting which was held 18 January to develop views on this
question.

        2.   (C) The minutes reflect, I believe, a constructive and
interesting discussion by representatives of the various agencies.
Committee members will review these draft minutes during the next
few days, but I am forwarding them to you now for possible considera-
tion in connection with your organizational plans for the National
Collection Tasking Staff.

        3.   (C) The views of the Committee can be summarized as
follows:

        a.   Committee representatives unanimously support an
interagency effort to give emphasis to open source collection
in the future National Tasking Organization, but opinions differ
as to the scope of the collection problem.

        b.   Members prefer the creation of a subcommittee for Open
Source Collection (OSCOL) under the Human Resources Committee
to  the creation of another major collection committee.  Membership
of this subcommittee would differ from that of the HRC.

c. An early task of the OSCOL mechanism would be to develop an inventory of publications now being acquired by the various agencies or instrumentalities of the US Government of possible interest to the Intelligence Community. Member agencies would contribute to this effort.

d. Efforts to improve the contribution in other ways of non-intelligence community components of the USG to national intelligence are important and should continue. Action Program A (copy attached) of the National Human Resources Plan should move forward.

4. (U) I will provide you with the formal Committee recommendations after the members have completed reviewing the minutes.

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Attachments:
  Draft minutes of HRC meeting 18 January
  Action Program A

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